



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

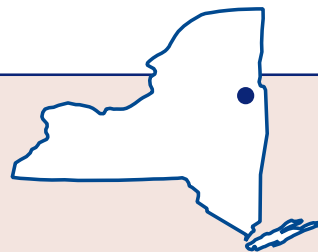
Glens Falls, NY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Glens Falls was selected to receive an assessment grant. The city is located in Warren County, which has been designated an Empire Zone and granted Foreign Trade Zone status by the State of New York. During the past 40 years, the city has suffered from a large shift of population, heavy industry, and wealth out of the community. Local mills and factories have been downsized, closed, or abandoned. The city has evaluated and prioritized more than 65 abandoned and underused sites and implemented a community involvement plan. Vacant and abandoned industrial properties along the Hudson River-Elm Street Corridor area will be targeted with this grant. The surrounding area has a population of 4,300 residents, nearly half of whom are considered low-income.



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Glens Falls for a brownfields assessment grant. The city is targeting a heavy industrial area that includes part of the downtown business district and the Hudson River waterfront. Grant funds will be used to inventory sites in the Hudson River-Elm Street Corridor, conduct Phase I and II assessments, and involve the community in decision making.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Glens Falls has received brownfields funding for an assessment grant.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.